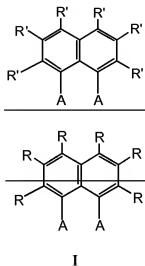


In the claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A compound represented by formula I:



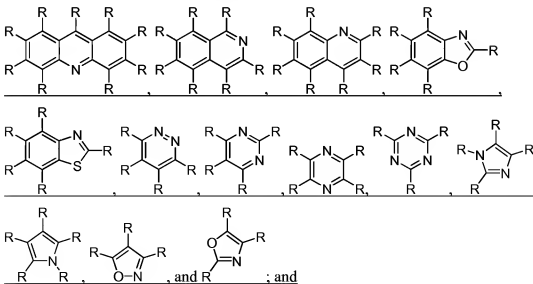
wherein

[[[R]]] R' represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, or alkenyl;

~~and~~

~~A represents independently for each occurrence aryl or heteroaryl~~

A is selected from the group consisting of:

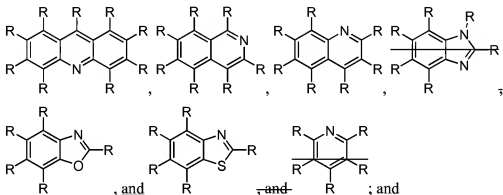


R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, or a bond to the naphthyl ring of the compound represented by formula I.

2. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein  $\underline{R'}[[R]]$  represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl.

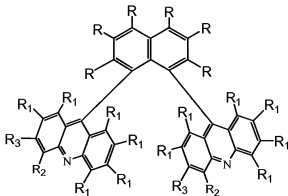
Claims 3-5 (canceled)

6. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 1, wherein A is selected from the group consisting of:



R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, or a bond to the naphthyl ~~naphthyl~~ ring of the compound represented by formula I.

7. (original) A compound represented by formula II:



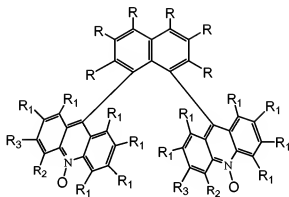
## II

wherein

R, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub> represent independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, or alkenyl.

8. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl.
9. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence H.
10. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>1</sub> represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl.
11. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>1</sub> represents independently for each occurrence H.
12. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>2</sub> represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, or aryl.
13. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>2</sub> represents independently for each occurrence alkyl.
14. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>2</sub> represents independently for each occurrence methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, or pentyl.
15. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>2</sub> represents independently for each occurrence methyl or isopropyl.
16. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>3</sub> represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, or aryl.
17. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>3</sub> represents independently for each occurrence aryl.
18. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>3</sub> represents independently for each occurrence an optionally substituted phenyl group.
19. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>3</sub> represents independently for each occurrence 3,5-dimethylphenyl.
20. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R<sub>1</sub> is H, R<sub>3</sub> is H, and R<sub>2</sub> is alkyl.
21. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R<sub>1</sub> is H, R<sub>3</sub> is H, and R<sub>2</sub> is methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, or pentyl.

22. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R<sub>1</sub> is H, R<sub>3</sub> is H, and R<sub>2</sub> is methyl.
23. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R<sub>1</sub> is H, R<sub>3</sub> is H, and R<sub>2</sub> is isopropyl.
24. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R<sub>1</sub> is H, R<sub>2</sub> is H, and R<sub>3</sub> represents independently for each occurrence aryl.
25. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R<sub>1</sub> is H, R<sub>2</sub> is H, and R<sub>3</sub> represents independently for each occurrence an optionally substituted phenyl group.
26. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R<sub>1</sub> is H, R<sub>2</sub> is H, and R<sub>3</sub> is 3,5-dimethylphenyl.
27. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein said compound is a chiral.
28. (original) The compound of claim 7, wherein said compound is a single diastereomer.
29. (original) A compound represented by formula III:



III

wherein

R, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub> represent independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, or alkenyl.

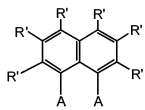
30. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl.
31. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence H.

32. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R_1$  represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl.
33. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R_1$  represents independently for each occurrence H.
34. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R_2$  represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, or aryl.
35. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R_2$  represents independently for each occurrence alkyl.
36. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R_2$  represents independently for each occurrence methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, or pentyl.
37. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R_3$  represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, or aryl.
38. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R_3$  represents independently for each occurrence aryl.
39. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R_3$  represents independently for each occurrence an optionally substituted phenyl group.
40. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R_3$  represents independently for each occurrence 3,5-dimethylphenyl.
41. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein R is H,  $R_1$  is H,  $R_3$  is H, and  $R_2$  is alkyl.
42. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein R is H,  $R_1$  is H,  $R_3$  is H, and  $R_2$  is methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, or pentyl.
43. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein R is H,  $R_1$  is H,  $R_3$  is H, and  $R_2$  is methyl.
44. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein R is H,  $R_1$  is H,  $R_3$  is H, and  $R_2$  is isopropyl.
45. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein R is H,  $R_1$  is H,  $R_2$  is H, and  $R_3$  represents independently for each occurrence aryl.

46. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein R is H, R<sub>1</sub> is H, R<sub>2</sub> is H, and R<sub>3</sub> represents independently for each occurrence an optionally substituted phenyl group.
47. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein R is H, R<sub>1</sub> is H, R<sub>2</sub> is H, and R<sub>3</sub> is 3,5-dimethylphenyl.
48. (original) The compound of claim 29, wherein said compound is a single enantiomer.

Claims 49-83 (canceled)

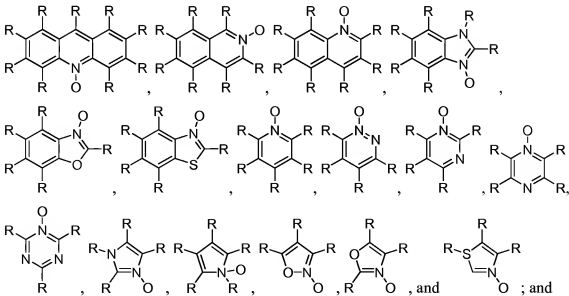
84. (currently amended) A compound represented by formula I:



wherein

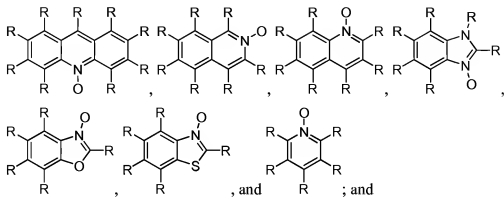
R' represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, or alkenyl;

The compound of claim 1, wherein A is selected from the group consisting of:



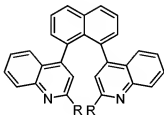
R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, or a bond to the naphthyl ~~naphthyl~~ ring of the compound represented by formula I.

85. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 84 [[1]], wherein A is selected from the group consisting of:



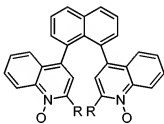
R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, or a bond to the naphthyl ~~naphthyl~~ ring of the compound represented by formula I.

86. (new) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is represented by:



wherein R represents H, alkyl, or aryl.

87. (new) The compound of claim 84, wherein the compound is represented by:



wherein R represents H, alkyl, or aryl.